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In re Patent Application of: Cyuichi Hoshino et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING

MONOSACCHARIDES FROM BIOMASS AND MONOSACCHARIDE PRODUCTION

DEVICE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

## **FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.